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In re patent application of

Kishimoto *et al.*

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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT OF DISEASES
CAUSED BY IL-6 PRODUCTION

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the time to respond to June 18, 2002. Should such a request or fee be deficient or absent, please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 to 1.18 to Account No. 19-0741.

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 15 and 24-28 are pending and under consideration. Applicants acknowledge the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 15, 24, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The examiner, however, has maintained the rejection of claims 15 and 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Emilie *et al.* ("Emilie") in view of Sato *et al.* ("Sato"). In